

Middlebury May <sup>18th</sup> 1865,

Rev Dr. Tyler.

Dear Sir

Yours of  
the 6 & 13 passed a day or  
two since. It seems that our  
friends up North are deter-  
mined on Union with us,  
at all events. If they cannot  
succeed in one way they  
will in another. Perhaps so.  
Nevertheless. The plan pro-  
posed and advocated by their  
president elect meets with  
no favor in this quarter: it is  
pronounced futile and im-  
practicable. If that is a spe-  
cimen of his wisdom it does  
not promise much for the up-  
building of that Institution

We can do nothing that  
will involve a surrender of our  
charter, unless driven to it by  
sheer necessity. That necess-  
sity does not exist at present,  
and I do not think it will.  
It is a question of dollars and  
cents. Can we get funds to en-  
dow our college to a fair degree?  
I think so - the subscription  
is making progress, and our  
Copper Mine promises well. We  
might at once place it in the  
market with good prospects  
of success, but it is thought best  
to open it a little more, with  
the belief that a few hundred  
dollars expended now will add  
many thousands to its market  
value. Of course we may be  
disappointed, but practical  
miners say it looks very en-  
couraging. We shall know in

a month, what to expect.

Our Board will meet on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June to consider sundry things of importance to us. You must be present.

Will you please tell me who are the two members committed to the plan of union of Mr. ~~Allen~~ Boardman? C. L. A. Nalton I suppose I intend to be in Boston at the Great Council, shall hope to meet you there.

I am oppressed with duties, my health is not equal to what is required of me - President, Professor, Financial Agent and Building Committee &c. If Mr. Cole had a new president, I could cooperate with him in building up the Institution & relieve him

from those multifarious duties & distracting cares which have broken my health. I have served the College 25 years, & think I ought now to be excused.

Mr. Sumner, in regards to yourself & Mr. T.

Very truly Yrs

B. Labaree